



Town of Vienna

Newsletter

MARCH 2010

Register Now for ViVa! Vienna!

Registration is open for vendor booth spaces at ViVa! Vienna!, the annual town festival on historic Church Street. This year's festival will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31. Showcase your handcrafts, retail business products, professional services, political parties and candidates, or community non-profit organizations.

Booths will be set up on Sunday and Monday. The cost for a 10x10-foot space is \$225 (price increases to \$250 March 1). Booth space is limited. Register online and review the vendor guidelines at www.vivaviennava.org. Questions should be e-mailed to info@vivaviennava.org or call 703-255-4742 and leave a message.

ViVa! Vienna! is the major fund-raising project for the Rotary Club of Vienna, and profits are distributed to local community organizations. (See page 5 for a list of this year's recipients).

First Mondays with Cathy Hudgins

What's on your mind? Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins has instituted "First Mondays" each month to hear from you. Every month, alternating between Patrick Henry Library in Vienna and the Reston Regional Library, you are invited to come and share any concern you may have on any issue with Supervisor Hudgins. First Monday sessions are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or, if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.

The next First Monday will be held March 1 at Patrick Henry Library.

Town Commended for Erosion and Sediment Control Program

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board has commended the Town of Vienna for improving its erosion and sediment control program to become fully compliant with State requirements, thereby providing better protection for soil and water resources. Full compliance with Virginia's erosion and sediment control regulations means that Vienna will be able to continue to administer its own erosion and sediment control program.

The Department of Public Works staff, Civil Engineer Matthew Randall, and Erosion & Sediment Inspector Terry Horning successfully modified in-field inspection procedures, record keeping, and the Town ordinance on erosion and sediment control to meet the State requirements.



February Water & Sewer Bills Estimated Due to Winter Weather

Due to the unusually heavy volume of snowfall during February, the Town Finance Department anticipates that February water and sewer bills will be calculated using average consumption as an estimate for actual consumption. Because bills are issued quarterly, this affects billing cycles 3 and 4 (account numbers starting with 3 and 4). Bills for those cycles will be adjusted to actual consumption during the May quarter, which is the next billing for those cycles. Please call Customer Service at 703-255-6385 if you have any questions.

Business License Renewal Deadline

Town businesses are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional, and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses each year.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Businesses with gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax renewal forms were mailed at the end of January, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

“Vienna at Your Service” Features History of Original Library

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next “Vienna at Your Service” meeting on Tuesday, March 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Vienna’s original “Little Library” on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

Former Town Councilwoman Maud Robinson will talk about the history of the one-room building, which was constructed in 1897 and was moved from Library Lane to the corner of Maple Avenue and Center Street in 1913 where it served the community until 1970 when Patrick Henry Library was built and the old structure moved to its present location.

Vienna at Your Service was designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about their community. Participants are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 703-255-6360.

Voter Registration Deadline April 12

Monday, April 12, is the last day to register to vote in the May 4 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar’s Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address.

For more information, call the Registrar’s Office at 703-222-0776.

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Deadline for the April issue is March 15.

Town Council Action

*All votes are unanimous
unless noted otherwise*

DECEMBER 21, 2009

- Released the two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$4,062.23 to Talahi Associates for the subdivision at 200 and 202 Talahi Rd., S.E.

- Authorized the purchase of the FTR (For the Record) audio/video package from Valley Office Machines in the amount of \$9,050 and two video cameras and video mixer in an amount not to exceed \$3,850. This equipment will allow meetings to be available for viewing through a link from the Town Web site.

JANUARY 4, 2010

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Reappointed Sharon Baum to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.

- Approved the forfeiture of a street tree bond in the amount of \$2,575.80 for damage done to Town trees during construction at 914 Park St., S.E.

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 2010 Oktoberfest and Taste of the Town event.

- Awarded the bid for the July 4th fireworks show to Pyrotecnino of New Castle, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 and requested permission from Vienna Little League to use Yeonas Park for the viewing area.

- Referred to the Planning Commission proposed changes to the subdivision ordinance to include street trees as part of a subdivider’s responsibilities.

Minutes & Agendas Are
Online at www.viennava.gov

Vienna Police Warning About New Scam

*By Master Police Officer Bill Murray,
Community Relations Officer*

Following the investigation of two very similar fraud cases recently, we thought it necessary to make the community aware of this new scam.

A person comes to a home and says that he needs money for an automobile repair or tow. He goes on to purport himself to be a relative of a neighbor or some other individual who would link him to the area. He may even be overly courteous and appear sincere.

Once he receives the money, he disappears as there is truly no emergency and he is not related to anyone in the immediate area.

Tree workers continue to be in our area. There are still no solicitors licenses issued for door-to-door soliciting in town. Please notify police when solicitors are spotted in your area by calling the non-emergency number, 703-255-6366. This includes tree work, snow removal, home repair, magazine sales, or any number of other things.

For a comprehensive listing of scams and to follow the police activity in Vienna, please frequently check www.viennava.gov and click on the "Media Releases" or "Police Highlights" links at the lower left of the page.

Crimes large and small are solved or prevented every day in Vienna thanks to alert citizens who are willing to call the police with their concerns. Please never hesitate to report anything that seems suspicious as soon as it occurs. An officer can be on the scene to investigate often within a matter of seconds. The active involvement of citizens in safeguarding their homes causes scam artists and other criminals to seek easier targets elsewhere.

Citizen/police partnership is a major factor in successful law enforcement in Vienna. To report suspicious activities, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.

Help Fight Invasive Plants at Northside Park

Interested in keeping Northside Park free of invasive plants? The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is seeking volunteers for its Northside Park Invasive Management Team.

Invasive management is more than just pulling weeds. The main goal is to reduce invasive plants in the park and to maintain a healthy habitat for native plants and wildlife.

This volunteer-led program gives residents an opportunity to connect with their neighbors while taking care of this valuable natural resource.

Find out how you or your organization can participate in this project year-round. For more information, contact Cathy Salgado at csalgado@viennava.gov or 703-255-6356.

NEVCA Awarded County Grant for Northside Planting Project

The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) has received a \$3,375 Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program Award from Fairfax County to assist with the native replanting of Northside Park. The grant will be used to purchase native plant material that will be placed throughout the park in locations where invasives have been removed. As part of the grant, NEVCA is required to match the funds with volunteer hours to help plant the trees and shrubs. It is hoped that planting will take place this spring.

Tips for Homeowners on Invasive Plants

An "invasive" plant is defined as a species that is non-native to the ecosystem and the introduction of which causes or is likely to cause harm. Your Vienna Community Enhancement Commission recommends that you avoid planting English ivy, "running" bamboo, kudzu, or mile-a-minute and offers the following methods to fight back against these invasive plants common to our area:

To remove English ivy:

- Cut stems close to the base with pruning shears or saw;
- Pull back stems that lead to the ground if they come readily;
- Do not pull ivy off bark (may damage the bark, expose it to invasive organisms, or cause a beehive or nest to fall).

To remove bamboo:

- Do so except when birds are nesting (spring, early summer);
- Cut with saw at the bottom of the stalk;
- Continue to cut down each year as it re-appears.

To remove kudzu and mile-a-minute:

- Trace the vine to the ground runner (brown, about one inch in diameter);
- Follow the runner to the root crown, where the runner enters the ground;
- Dig to the root crown and cut just below it (herbicide can be used on the crown); repeat when the invasives re-appear.

*NEW IN TOWN? There's a welcome packet especially for new residents.
Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.*

Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block. The schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

SECTION I MARCH 29–APRIL 2

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit &
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION II APRIL 5–9

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. &
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

SECTION III APRIL 12–16

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit &
north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

SECTION IV APRIL 19–23

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail
to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

SECTION V APRIL 26–30

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln.
to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail &
south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

SECTION VI MAY 3–7

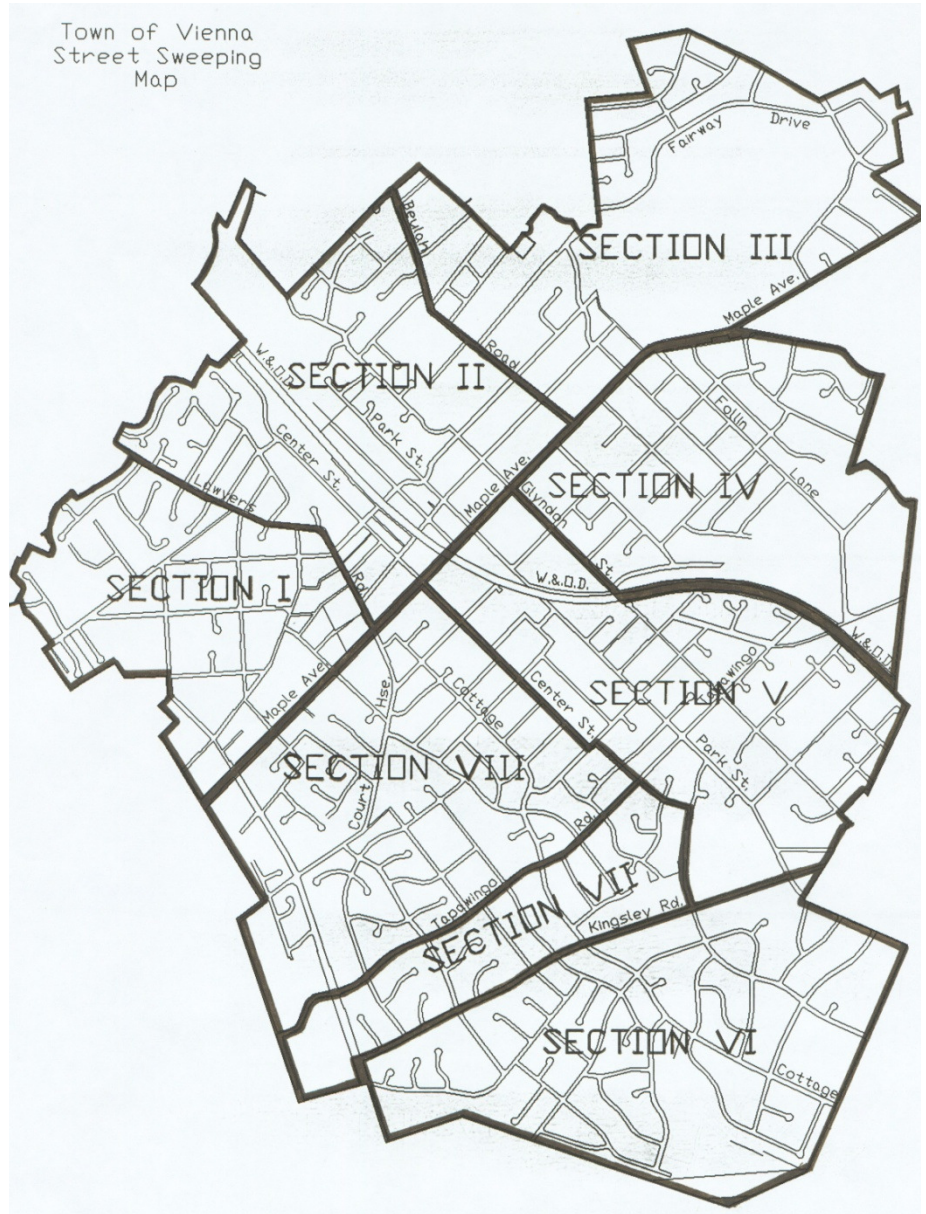
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln.
& southern town limit

SECTION VII MAY 10–14

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln.,
south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

SECTION VIII MAY 17–21

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St.,
south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit



ViVa! Vienna! Benefits Community

For 25 years, proceeds from the annual ViVa! Vienna! town festival have been returned to the community. This year, the Rotary Club of Vienna, which manages the festival, donated over \$124,000 to the charitable, educational, and governmental organizations listed below.

- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
- Committee for Helping Others
- The Marshall Academy
- Marshall High School Ethics Day
- Historic Vienna, Inc.
- The Women's Center
- The Rotary Foundation
- Villa Maria Work Study Center
- Supply Our Schools
- Boy Scouts of America (NCAC)
- Five Talents International
- Cub Scout Pack 1139
- Shelter Box USA
- Vienna Arts Society
- Laurie Mitchell Employment Center
- Stroke Comeback Center
- The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna
- Medical Missionaries
- Vienna Parks & Recreation Department
- Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
- FACETS
- George Bitner Memorial Scholarship
- Salvation Army
- The Beacon Project
- Vienna Babe Ruth Baseball
- Madison High School Concession Stand/Restroom
- Softly International
- Comfort for America's Uniformed Services
- Toys for Tots
- Novaco
- Food for Others
- ICON Community Services
- Literacy Council of Northern Virginia
- The HIKE Fund
- Volunteer Emergency Families for Children
- Project Amazonas
- Vienna Police Department
- Madison High School Ethics Day
- Patrick Henry Library
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Homestretch
- Dictionary Project
- Save the Children
- Mosby Woods Elementary School
- Cub Scout Pack 78
- Vienna Crop Walk for Hunger
- Alternative House
- Lamb Center
- Hasna
- Hartwood Foundation
- Main Street Child Development Center
- PRS
- Divine Child Foundation
- Safe Blood

Tax Relief Offered to Senior and Disabled Low-income Homeowners

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$72,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a disabled homeowner. 100% tax relief is given for total combined income of \$52,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$52,001 and \$62,000, and 25% tax relief between \$62,001 and \$72,000.
- Total combined assets of no more than \$340,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.
- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household.

Applications for 2010 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of next year for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234. Applications and information can also be found at www.viennava.gov and www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Tree and Shrub Seedlings for Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual tree and shrub seedling sale. This year trees and shrubs are being sold in separate packages: six bare-root trees (two each northern red oak, black gum, and yellow poplar) are available for \$10.95, and 10 bare-root shrubs (two each arrowwood viburnum, gray dogwood, red chokeberry, eastern redbud, and smooth sumac) for \$15.95.

Pre-paid orders must be placed by April 12 or while supplies last. For more information or to receive an order form, call 703-324-1460 or download an order form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedling_sale.htm. Purchasers will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site. The seedlings will be available for pickup April 16 and 17.

Water Mains Flushed in Spring

Each spring the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. If you encounter discolored water in your home, run the faucet until the water is clear. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amateur photography contest and exhibit will be held March 20 and 21. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 19, from noon to 3:45 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories: animals, architecture, nature, pictorial, scenic, photojournalism, portraiture, and digitally enhanced. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$10 per person. Entries are limited to four photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

Family Skate Night will be held through March 26, Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

Open Mic Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge, and light refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in performing, e-mail csalgado@viennava.gov or sollom@cox.net. Six performers are scheduled for each show.

BUS TRIP

Philadelphia Flower Show is Wednesday, March 3. This year's theme is "Passport to the World," featuring international dance, musical performances, and a World Bazaar of exotic and decorative shops, as well as an International Wine and Spirits Garden in the Show's Grand Hall. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost of \$68 for town residents includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges.

Atlantic City day trip is scheduled for Thursday, March 11. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m.

and return around 10:30 p.m. The cost of \$55 for town residents includes transportation and casino package.

See the cherry blossoms while cruising the Potomac aboard the *Dandy*. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, and return at 4:30 p.m. The cost of \$70 for town residents includes transportation, narrated cruise, lunch onboard, and time ashore in Old Town Alexandria for shopping and sight-seeing.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Spring break 3-on-3 basketball tournament for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be held on Thursday, April 1, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Teams can be all boys, all girls, or co-ed. The fee of \$10 per team includes beverages and prizes for the tournament winners.

Spring Break Camp for ages 6-12 will be held March 30-April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers will enjoy games, arts and crafts, and a special event each day. The fee is \$80 for town residents.

Garden Art Safari Camp is scheduled March 29-April 2. Lessons incorporating various artistic styles and techniques will focus on plants, insects and other elements of the garden. Class for ages 3-6 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon; the fee is \$150 for town residents plus a \$30 materials fee. Class for ages 6-12 will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the fee is \$250 for town residents plus a \$35 materials fee.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Half-day Wellness Retreat, postponed because of last month's snow, has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The retreat will include musical chi gong, yoga for energy, breathing exercises, body awareness, eating awareness, nutritional snack, stress management, foot massage, deep relaxation, and take-home routines. The fee

is \$65 for town residents. Participants can enroll their children (ages 3 and up) in a special kids' retreat featuring yoga, creative movement/dance, games and more. The fee for in-town children is \$30.

Adult spring tennis league begins March 27. Men's singles games will be played on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. League members will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$15 for town residents.

Spring coed softball league games will be played at Southside Park on Sunday mornings beginning April 18. The team fee of \$450 includes 10 regular season double-header games, umpires, softballs, post-season play, and awards. For information, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The following activities are free of charge for students in grades 6-8:

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Munch on popcorn while enjoying movies based on Dr. Seuss stories.

St. Paddy's Day party will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Wear your green and enjoy games, food, and contests.

Ice cream social is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, March 26. Lots of different toppings should satisfy every sweet tooth.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

What to Feed a Living Trust will be presented on Monday, March 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what every banker doesn't know, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, record keeping, making amendments, and more. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

POTPOURRI

Summer camp registration begins March 1 for town residents. Camps include tennis, basketball, baseball, football, soccer, fencing, and other sports plus adventure camps for teens and the summer playground program. Consult the summer camp brochure (available online at www.viennava.gov) for information on dates and fees.

Tickets go on sale March 24 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the musical "A Grand Night for Singing," a revue featuring songs from hit Broadway shows. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. The show is scheduled April 23, 24 and 30, and May 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and May 2 at 2 p.m.

Dining skills and etiquette for children ages 5-7 will be held March 13 and 20 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Activities will include the ABCs of meeting, greeting and saying goodbye; little things we say; and 1, 2, 3 let's eat! The fee for both sessions is \$40 for town residents plus a \$5 materials fee.

Glyndon Park Baseball Field Fix-ups Underway

The Glyndon Park baseball infield is currently being renovated thanks to the generosity of town resident Tommy Staats, whose family has lived across the street from the park for many years. Staats offered to do the work at the park free of charge to give back to the community for all he feels it has given him.

In addition to the infield renovation, Staats arranged for Parks and Recreation staff to meet with his architect and draw up plans to redo the baseball dugouts. The Town greatly appreciates his willingness to help care for the park.

Staats continues in the tradition of the Vienna residents who built Glyndon Park using donated materials and labor in 1949-50 when the Town entered the nationwide "More Beautiful America" contest sponsored by *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine. (The Town won third place in the under 10,000 population category.)

FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26

rain or shine

at Glyndon Park

**Tickets will be sold at the Vienna Community Center
Saturday, March 6, 9-10 a.m.**

(in-town residents only)

& Monday, March 8, 8 a.m. until sold out

\$3 per family member (under 12 months free)

Maximum six tickets per family



OLD-FASHIONED EGG ROLL

for children age 12 & under and their parents

Saturday, March 27, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

Free of charge; bring your own basket.

Visit with the Easter Bunny

& listen to a storyteller.

**For more information,
call Historic Vienna, Inc., at 703-938-5187.**

SKATE PARK ON WHEELS

for ages 6-adult

Saturday April 3, 2 - 5 p.m.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. Parking Lot

Skateboarding, ramps rails and jumps!

Beginners and first timers are welcome.

Helmets REQUIRED for everyone.

***Wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads REQUIRED
for anyone under the age of 16.***

**Sponsored by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins,
American Inline, Vienna Parks & Recreation and Club Phoenix**

**Call the Vienna Community Center for
more details, 703-255-6360.**

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Relay for Life of Vienna-2010 registration is underway. The relay will be held at James Madison High School June 19-20. To register, visit www.viennarelay.org. Monthly team captain meetings will be held at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department March 24, April 29, May 19, and June 16. The Relay For Life gives participants a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. For more information, contact Florida Broussard, fbroussard1@cox.net or 703-938-8627, or Tony Santore, tsantore@zai-inc.com or 703-405-0365.

Antiques appraisal will be held at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, April 17, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. To schedule an appraisal, call 703-938-5187 beginning March 17. Due to the popularity of this event, appointments are required and there is a strict limit of two items per person. The cost is \$8.50 per item for Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) members and \$12 for non-members. Proceeds support the programs of HVI.

Scrapbooking weekend to benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., March 5 and 6. Bring your own materials or purchase supplies and get expert advice from on-site vendors. The fee of \$55 includes lunch on Saturday, snacks, and a goody bag filled with products and coupons. Dinner will be sold both evenings. For details and to register, call 703-281-5797 or e-mail amy.vernon@vvfd.org.

Capitol Steps, Washington's irreverent political comedy troupe, will appear at James Madison High School at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21. Tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door) and can be purchased by going to www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS or by calling Pam or Ran Hock at 703-255-3798. Proceeds will benefit the substance-free All Night Graduation Celebration for the class of 2010 sponsored by the Madison PTSA.

"Ticket to Art" raffle of original art by members of the Vienna Arts Society (VAS) will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAS Art Cen-

ter, 115 Pleasant St., N.W. Each \$125 ticket guarantees a one-of-a-kind work of art. Ticket holders are asked to attend the event to claim the art of their choice. The art will be on display beginning March 2, and an afternoon tea preview with some of the artists is scheduled for Sunday, March 7, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Proceeds support the Art Center, art classes and workshops, and exhibits in the community. For more information, call 703-319-3971.

TaxAide volunteers will be at Sun-Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., through April 15, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is required. Bring a government-issued photo ID and Social Security card for all persons included on the tax return. The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, available to low- and middle-income taxpayers. All volunteers are certified by the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Anyone over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played in the Vienna area on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, call Donna at 703-938-0387 or visit www.goldengirls.org.

"Bringing Nature into Your Home," hosted by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, will be presented at 1:45 p.m. Monday, March 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Admission is \$10 per person. Professional floral designer Hardie Newton will describe and demonstrate the plants she includes in her gardens to bring nature inside.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Vietnam veteran Fred Frey will speak on the battle of Dien Bien Phu and his recent trip to the battlefield. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Vienna Wireless Society, established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in the Northern Virginia area, will meet at Oakton High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 12 in the library (entrance through Door 1) and March 26 in the lecture hall (entrance through Door 2). You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to attend or participate in club activities. For more information, visit www.viennawireless.org or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

Lunch n' Life, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, is scheduled for Monday, March 8, from noon to 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. Following lunch, Karetta Hubbard will discuss her new spy thriller *Satan's Chamber*. The cost is \$10 per person, and payment is required by March 1. For reservations and more information, call 703-281-0538 or e-mail office@scov.org.

Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group and the Western Fairfax Youth Forum (for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth in grades 7-12) monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. For more information, e-mail Carol Lewis at poplewis@hotmail.com.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Resources Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, March 18, at Patrick Henry Library. John Cox will speak about his recent trip to the Holy Land. For more information or transportation, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

"Vienna Remembers World War II" exhibit at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will close on April 30. This is your last opportunity to visit this tribute to the Vienna area veterans, their families, and the many generous residents who shared their stories and memorabilia. The exhibit has been open since

late 2008 and was extended due to the great interest from the community. The Freeman House is open Wednesday through Saturday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club will hold two AKC-licensed all-breed obedience and rally trials on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, indoors at the Catoctin Kennel Club training facility in Point of Rocks, MD. For details on this event and other activities, visit www.PotomacValleySSC.com. The club sponsors numerous activities for members and area Sheltie fanciers.

Vienna American Legion Post 180 has named Officer Kristin Ruddy its 2010 Vienna Police Officer of the Year. Officer Ruddy is a 3-year veteran of the Vienna Police Department and serves as a patrol officer, women's self-defense instructor, and a bicycle officer. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department member Matt Troy was named Firefighter of the Year.

Life Line Screening will be offered on Monday, March 8, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2361 Hunter Mill Rd. Screenings will be offered for carotid artery blockage, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries in the legs, irregular heartbeat, and bone density. The cost for all tests is \$149. Blood testing, biometric evaluation, and disease prevention scorecard are also available for an additional \$90. To make an appointment, call 1-800-324-1851, code HSC3549.

Vienna Elementary PTA Run for Fun, 5K race and 1-mile fun run/walk, will be held on Sunday, April 25, at the school, 128 Center St., S. Proceeds support the PTA's educational enrichment programs. Over 500 runners/walkers participated in last year's event, so early registration is encouraged. To register and for more information, visit www.vienna5krun.org.

Children's printmaking workshop for ages 7-12 will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at Patrick Henry Library. Members of the Vienna Arts Society will help children explore monoprints, relief prints, and vegetable prints. Wear old clothes! To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

Tysons Redevelopment Discussion Scheduled for March 2

What will redevelopment at Tysons Corner mean for our community? The taxes we pay? Traffic congestion? Schools and parks? Public Infrastructure? Our quality of life?

Learn what's in store at a panel discussion and Q&A to discuss issues associated with "urbanizing" Tysons Corner at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. The program will feature representatives from the Fairfax County Planning Commission and the McLean Citizens Association. Residents of Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, and other Northern Virginia communities are invited to attend.

The forum is sponsored by the McLean Citizens Association. For more information, visit www.mcleancitizens.org. For the latest information from Fairfax County on the Tysons Corner project, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner.

"Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans"

On March 23, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will officially declare March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 227, invites all Vietnam veterans and family, and veterans of all eras to attend the presentation of the Board's proclamation. In keeping with the VVA founding principle that "Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another," all local veterans organizations are welcome to attend and to have a representative participate in the ceremony.

Chapter 227 will host a reception at 8:15 a.m. before the Board meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the auditorium at the County Government Center, 1200 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. RSVP to grunt69@gmail.com if you plan to attend. For information about Chapter 227, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Vietnam veteran and California VVA member Jose G. Ramos originated the "Welcome Home" idea, and in 2007, the U.S. Congress declared March 30 as a National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. The national Web site for "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" is www.whvvd.org.

Help CHO Help Those in Need

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) Clothes Closet, located at the office condos in the 100 block of Park Street, N.E., is open every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, both to serve clients and accept donations. In addition, clothing may be dropped off in the donation box beside the Park Street entrance to Vienna Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 703-281-7614 or visit www.cho-va.com.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid, and other necessities.

Please Trim Plantings for Safety

Now that spring is in the air, residents are reminded to keep bushes, hedges, and other plantings trimmed so that they do not obstruct the vision of motorists or impede pedestrians and bicyclists. The Town Code restricts the height of vegetation to three feet above the curb level within 25 feet of an intersection. All the walkers and bikers in town will appreciate it! If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of vision at intersections, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in January:

Apex Hand Therapy
hand therapist
415 Church St., N.E. #101
571-432-9454

Dobson, Davanzo & Associates
consultant
440 Maple Ave., E. #203
703-281-3250

Laser Plus Lasertrolysis & Skin Care
laser hair removal
380 Maple Ave., W. #301
703-281-1877

Miley
consultant
600 Manor Dr., N.E.
703-319-0473

Operational Excellence
consultant
400 Roland St., S.W.
703-439-1576

Pelvicore
physical therapy
226 Maple Ave., W. #204
703-474-9023

Quadrant Strategy
consultant
421 Church St., N.E. #A
703-255-0045

Reikisynergy
theta healing
311 Maple Ave., W. #K
703-244-6619

The Artful Gift Shop
sale of crafts
145 Church St., N.W. #B
703-242-1220

Tunay's Tailoring & Alterations
tailoring & alterations
421 Church St., N.E. #H
703-242-2818

Walgreens
drug store
225 Maple Ave., E.
703-259-6342

change of ownership:
Great Harvest Bread Co.
132 Church St., N.W.
703-938-0921

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Some Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2010 include: *30 years* – Cuppett Performing Arts Center; *20 years* – Donna F. Bruch, Finn's Pool & Spa Service; *10 years* – Beck Consulting, Black Eyed Susan, Blockbuster.

Vienna Green Expo

Coming Thursday, April 22, 7 - 9 p.m.

Vienna Community Center



**Presenting practical information & demonstrations
to help you make green choices!**

Great ideas that can save you money & help the environment!

**Featuring energy efficiency tips, purchasing local organic products,
creating green gardens, recycling options, and much more!**

U.S. Census Begins in March

The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

The 2010 census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year. The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

This month, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 census. All census takers must be able to speak English, but people who have bilingual skills are needed in communities where a large number of residents primarily speak other languages. Apply by calling 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.census.gov for information.

Snow Removal Award Nominations Welcome

During last month's big snowstorms, if you feel that any businesses or citizens did an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee's (T/BLC) snow removal award. The Mayor and Chairperson of the T/BLC will present awards at a future Town Council meeting. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

March

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1 Business license renewal deadline Town Council	2 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
7	8 Town Council work session	9 Mayor's Advisory Committee "Vienna at Your Service"	10 Planning Commission	11 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	15 Town Council	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Board of Zoning Appeals	18 Bicycle Advisory Committee Board of Architectural Review	19	20 <i>Spring begins</i>
21	22	23	24 Planning Commission	25 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29 <i>Passover begins at sundown</i>	30 Transportation Safety Commission	31	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week		

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703-255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
703-255-6366 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
703-255-6360 (Voice)
703-255-5739 (TDD)
120 Cherry St., S.E.
Vienna, Virginia 22180

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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.



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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 2000 – Ten-digit local telephone dialing within the 703 area code becomes mandatory as of March 1, and Bell Atlantic will introduce a new area code overlay April 1. Once this new area code, 571, goes into effect, both area codes will serve the geographic area now served by the 703 area code.

MARCH 1990 – At its March 21 general membership meeting, two recipients will share Historic Vienna Inc.'s first Heritage Preservation Award. They are former Delegate Dorothy McDiarmid for her efforts in the General Assembly on behalf of funding for the restoration of the Moorefield house, and Connie and Mayor Stuntz for their compilation of Vienna history in their book *This Was Vienna, Virginia: Facts and Photos*.

MARCH 1980 – Vienna's first comprehensive financial report has been published, which lists several improvements in the Town's financial operations. One of the most important is the recent start of a conversion of computerized operations to a new system that should increase data processing capability significantly and provide a greatly strengthened system of automated checks and balances to guard against human error.

MARCH 1970 – Several problems have been encountered this year due to the snow, and the cold weather that prevented its melting. During the biggest storm, plows were unable to get into some cul-de-sacs at all, due to the number of cars parked on the street. Complaints were received that plows blocked entrances to driveways after they had been cleared. While much of this is unavoidable, the accumulation into driveways would be less if vehicles were not parked in the street.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY
Vienna Newsline – 703-255-6333
www.viennava.gov

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries, and small rechargeable batteries is Saturday, March 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Department of Public Works provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

**Here's a Frequently Asked
Recycling Question:**
**Can the waxy boxes
that frozen foods come in
go in the recycling?**

Here's the Answer:
**YES, these and other waxy
boxes such as cereal boxes
are recyclable!**